

REMARKS**I. General**

Claims 1, 3-81, and 83-128 are pending, and claims 1, 12, 14, 79, 85, 90, and 91 are finally rejected by the Office Action mailed November 16, 2005. Claims 1, 3, 4, 8, 79, 80, and 81 are amended by this response, while limitations from claims 2 and 82 were incorporated into claims 1 and 79, respectively, thereby rewriting those claims in independent form. The issues in the Final Action are as follows:

- Claims 1, 12, 14, 79, 85, 90, and 91 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over US 5,561,434 (hereinafter, *Yamazaki*).
- Claims 64-78 are allowed.
- Claims 2-11, 13, 15-63, 80-84, 86-69, and 92-128 are objected to.

Applicant hereby traverses the rejections and objections and requests reconsideration and withdrawal in light of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

II. Claim Amendments

Claim 1 is amended to include the limitations of claim 2; thus no new matter or issues are added. Since claim 1 rewrites original claim 2 in independent form, the amendment does not narrow the scope of claim 2.

Claim 3 is amended to include the limitations of original claim 1; thus no new matter or issues are added. The amendment does not narrow the scope of claim 3.

Claim 4 is amended to include the limitations of original claim 1; thus no new matter or issues are added. The amendment does not narrow the scope of claim 4.

Claim 8 is amended to include the limitations of original claim 1; thus no new matter or issues are added. The amendment does not narrow the scope of claim 8.

Claim 79 is amended to include the limitations of claim 82; thus no new matter or issues are added. Since claim 79 rewrites original claim 82 in independent form, the amendment does not narrow the scope of claim 82.

Claim 80 is amended to include the limitations of original claim 79; thus no new matter or issues are added. The amendment does not narrow the scope of claim 80.

Claim 81 is amended to include the limitations of original claim 79; thus no new matter or issues are added. The amendment does not narrow the scope of claim 81.

III. Claim Objections

Claims 2-11, 13, 15-63, 80-84, 86-69, and 92-128 are objected to for depending from rejected claims, but are otherwise indicated as allowable. Applicant thanks the Examiner for this indication of allowable subject matter and notes that independent claims 1 and 79 have been amended to incorporate subject matter indicated by the Examiner as allowable and claims 3, 4, 8, 80, and 81 have been rewritten in independent form. Therefore, Applicant asks that the objections be withdrawn and claims 3-11, 13, 15-63, 80, 81, 83, 84, 86-69, and 92-128 passed to issue.

IV. Claim Rejections

Claims 1, 12, 14, 79, 85, 90, and 91 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over *Yamazaki*. Applicant believes the arguments distinguishing claims 1 and 79 over the art of record are still applicable, and, therefore, that the original claims are allowable over the art of record. However, in an effort to bring the claims to issue more rapidly, Applicant presents amendments to independent claims 1 and 79 to include subject matter indicated by the Examiner as allowable. Accordingly, the rejection of claims 1, 12, 14, 79, 85, 90, and 91 is moot. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection be withdrawn and the claims passed to issue.

V. Conclusion

In view of the above amendment, Applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

Applicant believes a fee of \$1000.00 is due with this response. However, if additional fees are due, please charge Deposit Account No. 06-2380, under Order No. 64032/P010US/10309493 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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Respectfully submitted,

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